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MATTERS RELATED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Information on intergovernmental organizations not in the United Nations system

Note by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on three intergovernmental organizations (Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPECHE), International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICCEB) and International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)), that have expressed the wish to enter into appropriate relationship agreements with UNIDO.

1. Article 19.1(a) of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the General Conference, "enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with ... intergovernmental and governmental organizations". The Guidelines (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paras. 8 and 9) stipulate that the Director-General shall circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations wishing to enter into agreements with UNIDO; upon approval of the Board, the Director-General shall conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the organizations concerned.

2. Information concerning the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPECHE), the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), which have expressed the wish to enter into appropriate relationship agreements with UNIDO, is contained in the annex to the present document.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

3. The Board may wish to authorize the Director-General, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paragraph 9, to conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and the International Institute of Refrigeration based on the information contained in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION FOR MARKETING INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION SERVICES FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS IN AFRICA (INFOPECHE)

Historical background

Set up as a regional project of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1985, was established as an independent intergovernmental organization in 1991 by the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiary of its Member States to provide marketing information and cooperation services for fishery products in Africa.

Purpose

To promote African fish trade by optimizing the use of fisheries resources and serving the sector at all levels of the industry, including handling, processing, packaging, transportation and marketing.

Cooperation with UNIDO

Exchange of documentation and information
Attendance at relevant meetings
Technical advice

Structure

Administrative Council
Secretariat

Membership

Cameroon, Cape Verde, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Zaire

Activities

Market research aimed at developing trade, facilitated by computerized system covering importers and exporters world-wide. Trade publications. Technical advice, including studies on technical aspects of the fisheries industry. Organization of workshops and training programmes. Maintenance of a documentation and research centre.

Relations with other intergovernmental organizations

Global Network of Market Information and Technical Advisory Services for fishery products of FAO, the Centres for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Arab Region (INFOSAMAK) and in Latin America and the Caribbean (INFOPESCA), Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Technical Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Asia and Pacific Region (INFOFISH), African Development Bank, International Finance Corporation, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, Organization of African Unity.

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (ICGEB)

Historical background

Established in 1983 at a ministerial-level meeting as a project of UNIDO at Madrid, Spain. The Statutes entered into force in 1994, when ICGEB became an autonomous intergovernmental organization.

Purpose

To address problems of relevance in developing countries through the application of genetic engineering techniques and biotechnology.

Cooperation with UNIDO

Joint projects and activities
Reciprocal representation
Exchange of information and documentation
Administrative and technical assistance

Structure

Board of Governors
Secretariat (two component laboratories (Trieste, New Delhi))

Membership

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Hungary, India, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey,

Uruguay, Venezuela and Viet Nam. The membership of Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Ghana and Kyrgyzstan has been approved by the Board of Governors of ICGEB.

Activities

Research and training in molecular and cell biology in the following areas:

Trieste	New Delhi
Virology, molecular and cell biology	Plant biology
Immunology	Human diseases
Protein structure and engineering	Structural biology
Microbiology	

Relations with other intergovernmental organizations

European Commission, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS), International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations University (UNU), World Health Organization (WHO).

Relations with international non-governmental organizations

European Cell Biology Organization (ECBO), European Society for Pigment Cell Research, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Scientific Committee on Biotechnology (COBIOTECH).

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION (IIR)

Historical background

Established in Paris in 1909 as the International Association of Refrigeration with an initial membership of 35 countries, IIR was transformed into an intergovernmental organization in 1920. In 1954, a new international agreement was adopted that defined the present organization, which has some 60 member countries.

Purpose

To further the development of scientific research and promote technical and economical studies; to collect scientific, technical and economic information and documents as well as texts of laws and regulations; to further the teaching and popularization of science and technology.

Cooperation with UNIDO

Development of application of refrigeration in developing countries and organizing of courses and seminars
Exchange of documentation and information
Working parties and technical recommendations
Preparation of national plans

Structure

General Conference
Executive Committee
Management Committee
Scientific Council

Membership

Consists of some 60 member countries and 800 associate members (individuals, companies or organizations).

Activities

Technical and scientific meetings; publications; documentation services; training and education; technical and scientific support for Governments and international organizations.

Relations with other intergovernmental organizations

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), World Bank, European Union (EU), Organization of American States (OAS), Organisation

for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Vine and Wine Office (OIV).

Relations with international non-governmental organizations

European Association of Refrigeration Enterprises (EARE), ISO Committees, European Committee for Standardization (CEN), Representative of European Heating and Ventilation Association (REHVA), International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Energy Agency (IEA), International Gas Union (IGU), International Road Transport Union (IRU), World Energy Council (WEC).

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